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Cando Woman Sentenced for Felon in Possession of a Firearm

FARGO - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on July 21, 2010, **Diane Irene Slaubaugh** of Cando, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm.

Slaubaugh, 30, pleaded guilty on April 8, 2010, to possessing a Ruger, Model 10/22, .22 caliber rifle and ammunition. Slaubaugh had previously been convicted of 34 counts of wire fraud in federal court in October 2007 and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. Slaubaugh's husband, Wilmer, had been convicted of deceptive writing in September 2005 and was still on probation for that offense.

On July 1, 2009, a probation search was conducted at the home of the Slaubaughs in which a firearm and ammunition were discovered. Both Wilmer and Diane Slaubaugh were charged by indictment with felon in possession of a firearm. The incident occurred from October 2008 through July 1, 2009, in the District of North Dakota.

Judge Erickson sentenced Diane Slaubaugh to three years probation of which three

months are to be served incarcerated at the Lake Region Recovery and Reentry Center.

Slaubaugh was also ordered to pay \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

Slaubaugh was additionally sentenced to seven months incarceration at the Lake Region Recovery and Reentry Center for violation of her previous 2007 federal sentence. The sentences are to run consecutively.

Wilmer Slaubaugh entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three years of probation on June 3, 2010. The firearm used in this offense was ordered forfeited.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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